

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, California 95814

**From:** Delta Protection Commission  
14215 River Road  
PO Box 530  
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

**Project Title:** Delta Working Landscapes

**Project Location (Specific):** Legal Delta

**Project Location (City and County):** Counties of Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano, and Yolo, and the cities located within those counties in the Legal Delta.

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Improvement of wildlife friendly farming practices including planting of native vegetation hedge rows and buffer strips, improvement of existing agricultural facilities for rice cultivation, improvement of existing small grain agricultural facilities for winter flooding capabilities, and improvement of existing wildlife/wetland habitat on existing agricultural facilities. The project will enhance food production for wildlife, provide brood, staging and wintering habitat for migratory water birds including waterfowl, wading birds, and shorebirds. There will be no hazardous materials at or around the project sites and there will be no adverse environment impacts. All project activities will occur on private land within the Legal Delta.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Delta Protection Commission

**Name of Agency Carrying Out Project:** Delta Protection Commission in partnership with Ducks Unlimited and Hart Restoration.

**Exempt Status:**

**Categorical Exemptions:**

**Section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1(i)**

**Section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33**

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** This project would enhance existing native vegetation, improve existing agricultural management, and maintain/preserve existing wildlife habitat in the Delta. Delta Working Landscapes will not create any significant adverse short-term or long-term environmental impacts, or any significant cumulative impacts. Therefore, no mitigation measures would be necessary to minimize significant environmental impacts or the identification of project alternatives, beyond the "no project" alternative.

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [ ☒ ] Yes [ ☐ ] No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 8/26/10

**Title:** Executive Director

[X] Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

[ ] Signed by Applicant